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Gentlemen:

In response to your request as to the law or requirements for the testing of Sprinkler Systems (aka Fire Protection Systems), I have included an excerpt from the Kentucky Administrative Requirements.

815 KAR 10:060. Kentucky standards of safety.

RELATES TO: KRS 198B.060, 198B.062, 198B.070, 198B.080, 198B.090, 198B.110, 198B.120, 198B.130, 227B.300, 227.320, 227.330, 227.990

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 227.300(1)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 227.300(1) requires the executive director to promulgate an administrative regulation establishing the Kentucky Standards of Safety, which shall provide a reasonable degree of safety for human life against the exigencies of fire and panic and insuring against fire loss. This administrative regulation establishes the Kentucky Standards of Safety and supplements the Kentucky Building Code, promulgated as 815 KAR 7:120, in matters of fire safety.

(3) Fire protection systems testing and inspection.

(a) Reporting. Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, an inspection or test required by Chapter 11, 13, or 20 of the NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code shall be conducted and reported by a person authorized or certified by the State Fire Marshal.

(b) Inspection and test reports.

1. A required inspection or test shall be recorded on the applicable form contained in NFPA 25 or NFPA 72 and approved by the State Fire Marshal.

2. If any violations are noted, the appropriate forms shall be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal within ten (10) working days of the date of the inspection.

(c) Reporting exceptions.

1. A portable fire extinguisher or single station smoke detector inspection or test may be inspected and tested by the property owner and their agent.

2. These reports shall not be required to be filed with the State Fire Marshal.

(d) Frequency. Periodic test and inspection of a fire suppression or alarm system shall be performed as follows:

1. Fire detection and alarm systems and all fire suppression systems in buildings other than state licensed hospitals, nursing homes, and ambulatory surgical centers shall be inspected and tested for proper operation annually;

2. Fire detection and alarm systems and all fire suppression systems in state licensed hospitals, nursing homes, and ambulatory surgical centers shall be inspected and tested quarterly; and

3. Systems or components for which the manufacturer recommends more frequent checks shall be performed as described by the manufacturer's instructions

